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The following information was secured on Soviet troops in SZOMBATHELY (P 48/C 78).

1. Gendarmerie Barracks

25X1B Little activity was observed. Local residents said that about three hundred troops 25X1B were quartered there.

2. EZREDEVES Park (Southern Section)

a. About 25 large tanks were stored in a long temporary shed at the southeast corner of the park. About 30 tanks, a third smaller than those first mentioned, were parked in the shrubbery north of the shed. All tanks were covered with canvas.

b. Forty trucks, 25 blocked up, were also observed in the park. 25X1B

3. Industrial School (west of the Gendarmerie Barracks)

Motor vehicle repair shop. About 65 motor vehicles and 8 to ten trucks with hoisting gear were parked there.

4. MAV Athletic Field (South of Count Tisza Street)

About 50 canvas-covered tanks were parked there. The tanks appeared to be small. About three hundred gasoline drums were piled up in that area.

5. Faludi Ferenc High SCHOOL

25X1B Eight or nine trucks were parked in the school yard. 25X1B

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6. Szent Istvan Park (south of Viztorni Street)

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Eight armored reconnaissance cars and twelve trucks, [REDACTED] were stored in a stable. The cars were small, had an angular superstructure and each was armed with one machine gun. Twenty to thirty soldiers were seen there. Guards wore red-bordered black epaulets.

7. Elementary School on Szent Imre Street

Military messhall and kitchen.

8. School on Gazda Street, corner of Szent Imre Street

Ambulances were repeatedly observed entering or leaving.

9. Private houses between Oerdoesgat Street and Jeggince Street

Guarded by Soviet sentries. Local resident stated they were used for storing ammunition.

10. Villas on Szekely Ferenc Street (southern side)

Primarily officer billets.

11. Cavalry Barracks

About 15 trucks were parked in the barracks yard. No particular activities were seen during the periods of observation.

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12. House at 1 Honved Square

Several telephone lines converged there.

13. The troops in the SZOMBATHELY military post were estimated at ten to fourteen thousand, according to numerous local residents.

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[REDACTED] married officers would be replaced by bachelor officers and transferred to their home stations in the Soviet Union.

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Comment:

In connection with previous information*, the report is considered credible. It indicates that the SZOMBATHELY units of the 17th Gds Mecz Div returned to their military post about the end of October or beginning of November 1949, after staying in the HAYTASKEER training area during the Summer and Fall of 1949.

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